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**From:** Murphy, Patrick M [Patrick.M.Murphy@wv.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/5/2019 4:27:42 PM  
**To:** Riccio, Roberta [Riccio.Roberta@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bennett, James [bennett.james@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: (SDWA - FY19-182407-3715-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - West Virginia

We will draft you something. This is a PFOS issue.

**From:** riccio.roberta@epa.gov <riccio.roberta@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 11:26 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Patrick M <Patrick.M.Murphy@wv.gov>  
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**FROM:** [riccio.roberta@epa.gov](mailto:riccio.roberta@epa.gov)  
**TO:** [Patrick.M.Murphy@wv.gov](mailto:Patrick.M.Murphy@wv.gov)  
**CC:** [bennett.james@epa.gov](mailto:bennett.james@epa.gov)

Dear Pat, We received this tip/complaint through EPA's online Report a Violation system. Can you please have staff follow-up on this complaint and let us know if we need to do additional follow-up or assist in any way. Thank you Roberta Roberta Riccio 215-814-3107 [riccio.roberta@epa.gov](mailto:riccio.roberta@epa.gov)

-----Original Message-----

2/4/2019 10:05 AM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY19-182407-3715-CV

**SUBJECT:** Regional Tip and/or Complaint - West Virginia

## Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Alleged Violator's Name: Berkeley County Water and Sewer Services

Alleged Violator's Address: Martinsburg, WV.

Alleged Violator's City: Martinsburg

Alleged Violator's State: West Virginia

Alleged Violator's Zip: 25404

Submitter IP Address: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Tip or Complaint: In 2016, EPA made Berkeley County Water close and clean-up the Big Springs Plant due to contamination of the water from the 167th Air National Guard during a firefighting drill. The water was contaminated with perfluorooctanoic acid. The city of Martinsburg spent 4.5 million to clean it up and is now utilizing the Big Springs Plant as well as the Kilmer Springs Plant for the city of Martinsburg's water supply. I moved here in the summer of 2016 and am not sure when they reopened the Big Spring Plant. I do not drink the water but use it for cleaning and bathing. In August of 2018, I began experiencing an itchy scalp followed by unexplained rashes which went on for two months. Originally I contributed it to my former job with youth in treatment and followed up with medical providers. I left my job in late October and the rashes and scalp itchiness stopped in late November. I am currently experiencing a significant amount of sudden hair loss which is extremely unusual, as I have always had very thick hair. I am not on any medication and have always been extremely healthy, so this is quite odd. I suspect that there is something seriously wrong with the water system here. I do not want to cause alarm among the local residents until the water can be properly evaluated.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No